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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Bob Warren, Pastor, Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, Arlington Heights, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Our gracious and loving Heavenly Father, we worship You and thank You that You have revealed Your heart to us through Your Son.

We come at the beginning of this legislative session today to ask that Your wisdom and guidance prevail. We confess that maybe too often we are self-seeking. Forgive us and help us to exercise the entrusted authority in a way that would be pleasing to You.

Even throughout the course of this day, remind us that every aspect of life is from Your hand, and in these challenging days, help us to see all the issues of life, faith and freedom through Your eyes. I pray that You would guide each of these elected representatives to lead our Nation in right paths.

We acknowledge our dependence upon You. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the splendor and the majesty, where everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.

Hear our prayers. May Your blessing be upon our Nation. In Your name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LOFGREN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 389. An act to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1276. An act to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1308) "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes," and requests a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BAUCUS and Mrs. LINCOLN to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND BOB WARREN, PASTOR, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, Reverend Robert Warren currently serves as the Pastor of Adults and Compassion Ministries at the Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The church has 2,200 Members.

Pastor Warren is remarkable for his service to his fellow man, his congregation and our community. Bob has been in the ministry for 30 years, helping to lead four churches, as well as teaching college.

At the Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, he has led the enhancement of the church's participation in suburban and international churches for the needy. In addition, he leads a team that mentors unemployed men and women and led the development of the church's lay care ministry.

Pastor Warren is deeply committed to his family, his wife, Nancy, and their two children, Noel and Rob. Next week they will celebrate their 32nd anniversary.

Arlington Heights is the largest town in my district, a place where common sense Midwestern values of family and faith and freedom reign supreme. Pastor Warren embodies those values and is one of our most cherished leaders, and we are honored that he took the time to lead the House in prayer today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 5 one minutes on each side.

PASSING MEANINGFUL REFORM ON MEDICARE

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, the House is in the midst of debate that will improve Medicare for millions of seniors. We will provide a prescription drug

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